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FM AMEMBASSY BRIDGETOWN
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 2062

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EO 11652: NA
TAGS: AFSP
SUBJECT: NEW CHANCERY SITE

STATE FOR ARA/MGT

REF A) STATE 004022
B) BRIDGETOWN 2234

1. THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN LOOKING AT AVAILABLE RESIDENCES FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES - DCM RESIDENCE, MSG QUARTERS-OVER LAST FEW MONTHS AND KNOWS OF NO LARGE RESIDENCE IN BRIDGETOWN OR ITS ENVIRONS, WHICH WOULD ADQUATELY HOUSE NEW CHANCERY. ONE APARTMENT COMPLEX WAS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY FIVE MILES FROM CENTER OF TOWN WHICH COULD BE MADE SUITABLE IF IT WERE THROUGHLY RENOVATED AND A WING ADDED ON TO HOUSE ADMINISTRATIVE AND COMMUNICATIONS UNITS; THIS WOULD INVOLVE EXPENDITURE OF CONSIDERABLE MONEY AND TIME, HOWEVER. IT IS EMBASSY'S JUDGEMENT, THEREFORE, THAT THE RENTAL OF THE ENTIRE FOURTH FLOOR OF THE NORMAN HOUSE ON BROAD STREET, AS DESCRIBED IN REFTEL B, IS THE ONLY REALISTIC SOLUTION IF THE DEPARTMENT IS FIRM ON KEEPING CONSULAR OPERATIONS PHYSICALLY LOCATED WITHIN CHANCERY UNTIL SUCH TIME AS NEW CHANCERY COULD BE CONSTRUCTED.

2. POST NEEDS TO KNOW ASAP FULL OC REQUIREMENTS FOR THE
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CONSTRUCTION OF VAULT, SEABEE INVOLVEMNENT, COMMUNICATIONS TECHNICAL SUPPORT ETC.AS WELL AS EMBASSY'S FLEXIBILITY IN DESIGNING INTERIOR OF CHANCERY. PC/CAR HAS A CERTIFIED ARCHITECT VOLUNTEER BASED IN DOMINICA WHO WOULD BE WILLING TO COME TO BRIDGETOWN TO DESIGN CHANCERY'S INTERIOR AT NO EXPENSE TO EMBASSY OR DEPARTMENT. PC/CAR WOULD FUND TRAVEL AND EMBASSY WOULD PICK UP TAB ON HOTEL AND MEALS WHILE ON LOAN. POST

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PRESUMES THAT THIS WOULD MEET WITH DEPARTMENT'S APPROVAL.

3. FUNDS BOTH FOR RENTAL AND FOR PURHCASE OF
FURNISHINGS ARE NEEDED SOONEST. SINCE CONSULAR OPERATIONS OF
HIGHEST PRIORITY,EMBASSY CAN THEORETICALLY CARVE OUT
APPROXIMATE AREA OF NEW LOCATION AND BEGIN INTERIOR
CONSTRUCTION OF SAME WHICH, ACCORDING TO LOCAL CONTRACTOR
WOULD TAKE 4 TO 6 WEEKS. HOWEVER, THIS DOES NOT TAKE INTO
FULL CONSIDERATION PHYSICAL SECURITY REQUIREMENTS, NEED FOR
TEMPORARY MSG WATCHSTANDER (REQUIRING PERHAPS TDY MSG UNTIL
ENTIRE EMBASSY CAN MOVE) AND OTHER SY CONSIDERATIONS.
ALSO A FURTHER STUMBLING BLOCK WOULD BE DEMANDS MADE UPON OFFICE
FURNISHINGS AND EQUIPMENT, ESPECIALLY AFTER POST HIRES
ADDITIONAL CONSULAR PERSONNEL. EMBASSY HAS NO EXTRA TYPEWRITERS,
DESKS, CHAIRS, ETC. TO COPE WITH CONSULAR INCREASE AND THE
AMOUNT OF TIME IT WOULD NORMALLY TAKE TO OBTAIN THESE FROM US
VENDORS WARRANTS A CLOSER LOOK AT POSSIBILITY OF LOCAL
PURCHASE.
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